

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had a relaxing summer holidays. I am really looking forward to teaching your children this year. Please take some time to read the information in this letter as it outlines some detail for the year ahead.

Spellings

Each Friday the children will receive spellings to practise at home. There are number of ways to practise spellings; look/say/cover/write/check, segmenting and blending or even creating a mnemonic for a word. They will then be tested on these spellings on the following **Friday**. These spellings will be based on the year 5/6 spelling lists and any spelling patterns that we are working on in class.

Reading

The children will be reading individually/in pairs/in groups/with an adult in class each day. Added to this, they will be taking home a school reading book. They will be expected to read at home and it is recommended that children read for 20 minutes a night. This will massively help their comprehension and fluency. They will then be asked to record this in their reading record.

PE

Each week the children will have PE on a **Monday** and a **Wednesday**. It is important that they have their indoor kit (t-shirt, shorts, trainers and socks) and their outside kit (jumper, jogging bottoms) in school all week. Added to this, some children will be swimming on Tuesday mornings this term. Therefore, they will need their swimming costumes/towels in school.

SATs

It expected that SATs assessments for year 6 will return this year in May. However, we are waiting for the latest guidance from the DfE regarding dates and format. As soon as we receive this information I will communicate it with you.

Homework

The children will also be given additional homework/SATs preparation from time to time. This will always be marked with a date for it to be returned by.

Contact

If you have any questions or queries regarding your child's learning, please contact me via the class email address: chestnut@mendleshamschool.org.uk – I will endeavour to check this email address each day. All other queries can be sent to the office: admin@mendleshamschool.org.uk

Kind regards
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